



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR ALL BRANCH MEMBERS

Many of the current committee will be not be standing at the AGM for a number of reasons.

If you want the branch to continue we need new committee members.

Please consider putting yourself forward, many hands make light work.

The jobs are not onerous, just need to be done.

STOP PRESS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Garage Sale

A big **thank you** to everyone who; donated, baked, planted, helped set up and on the day at our garage sale on 1st April.

And to everyone who came along to support us and buy something.

Your efforts raised a little under \$700 which goes a long way towards our insurance bill.

April Meetings: 4th April: 10.00am: NZSG Webmaster. Tracy Little

7.30pm: Julie Halligan will be speaking on “Researching Local History”.

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE EASTER PRIZE.

May Meeting 2nd May 7.30pm: This is our Annual General Meeting. Please consider standing on the committee. Your views are important. And being a committee member gives more insight into the structure of New Zealand Genealogy Society and also you will be playing an important part for the future of Genealogists.

Jane Brooker who will speak on “*Are you researching – or wasting your time and money?*”

A talk based on, she says, bitter experience and with many helpful tips.

June Meeting: 6th June 10am: Viv Parker’s U Tube presentation on English Parishes

7.30pm: Exploring our Branch Resources.

An email was received from Suzie Lennox and some members may be interested in attending her talks.

“I am a former archivist and genealogist from the UK and although I currently live in Auckland, I am on the speaker circuit in the UK. My subject area is medical history, in particular bodysnatching or grave robbing. I talk about both my recently published book 'Digging up the Untold Stories of Britain's Forgotten Resurrection Men' and also specific cases that caused a sensation in their day.

I have some talks lined up already in Auckland. I am speaking at Epsom library later in March and at Auckland Central Library in August I am including a link to my publisher's (Pen & Sword) website so that you can read further about what my area of interest is and what type of material my talks cover. I currently talk on 'Bodysnatching in the North of England' and also 'The Great Cutting Scandal of 1816 and Inter-gang rivalry in 19th Century London' to name but a few talks of particular interest.

*The link to my publishers website is <http://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Bodysnatchers-Paperback/p/12139>
I also write a blog - Britain's Forgotten
Bodysnatchers <http://britainsforgottenbodysnatchers.blogspot.co.nz/> and have an active twitter account @Diggingup1800”*

Suzie Lennox

Volunteers Needed. The rooms need to be open for the public as part of our contract with the council and we are needing volunteers to assist. We need to be open Tuesdays 10am to 12, Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and Saturdays 1pm to 4pm. If you can assist you will be most welcome.

More Books that are Absent With Out Leave!

We still have a number of books and resources outstanding. It is a mammoth task to catalogue and match books with index cards. Below is a list of some books that are missing. Please check to see if any have been tucked in the back of your bookshelves.

Papakura City Festival Year Book 1975

History Polish Settlers in NZ 1776-1987 by J Pobog-Jaworowski

Auckland- Waikato Historical Journal April 1998.

Awhitu Central Horizon – Memoir of 100 Years by Rev. Lapsley

Faith & Work Glenbrook School Centenary 100 years

British History 1783-1920

Recollections, Early Remuera 1850-1920 by Auckland-Waikato Historical Society

Swiftly Flows the Arrow by John Bell Thomson

Historic Gold Trails of Nelson & Marlborough

Old Waiuku and District by Brian Muir

Glenarm, A local History by Felix McKillop

The Rangiatea Story by Hohepa Taepa

NZSG Conference

The next great event is the New Zealand Society of Genealogists' Conference and Annual General Meeting. This year it will be held at the Alexandra Park Function Centre, Greenlane West, Auckland. Beginning on Saturday 3rd of June to Monday 5th of June with Dinner on Friday 2nd June.

Register online at the NZSG Website www.genealogy.org.nz or at reception in the Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland. Or alternatively pick up a leaflet and post.

The Theme of the Conference Is: **“Looking forward to the past”**

Day attendance is possible, just check on the NZSG website to see which day has speakers you are interested in hearing.

More information on the NZSG Website. For costs: look under “shop” tab. For information on the conference look under “News” tab.

The AGM on Sunday 4th June from 9.30am to 12.30 can be attended, provided you are a financial member of the NZSG, without attending the Conference.

Computer Group

This group holds informal meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1.30pm at ‘Our House’
These cover problem solving and general tips for computer uses as well as Family History Support.
Next computer group meeting Sunday 9th April 1.30pm

Legacy Sessions:

Next Wednesday Legacy session Wednesday 3rd May 10 – 12.

Next Monday Legacy session Monday 8th May 1 -3

Held at ‘Our House’

Many a problem has been solved here.

There is a small coin charge.

Contact Jane Brooker at jane@cjarm.net or on 299 8749

Trading Table

Our trading table is always open. During meetings and in Research times. Your produce and purchases are valuable for funds. It is surprising the extent of items.

Ink Cartridges:

This is another valuable source of funds for our Branch. Please bring in your empty cartridges.

Books to Read

Do you like a good read? The novels by Tamara McKinley are well worth getting from the library. I found the trilogy of “Lands beyond the Sea” “A Kingdom for the Brave” and “Legacy” were very well researched and covered the trials of a family from Ireland to Australia around the 1700s to 1800s. From the potato famine to the goldfields of Australia and settling the land.

Our House is open for research

A small door charge is required

Tuesday 9.00am to 12noon

Wednesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Saturday 1.00pm to 4.00pm

We also subscribe to these overseas Magazines.

“Who Do You Think You Are”

“Family Tree”

They are there in our library for your benefit.

Please use them as they contain great information.

We also receive newsletters from around New Zealand. Including:

Oamaru,	New Plymouth
Wairarapa	Hutt
Riccarton	Gore
South Canterbury.	

Many of these newsletters, which are available at “Our House” have interesting stories from their members. Their finds and challenges.

Best wishes to all who have had births, birthdays and other celebrations.

To those of you who have been unwell, a speedy recovery.

Also our sympathy to anyone who has had a recent bereavement.

Save travel to all those who are travelling be it worldwide or at home.

And welcome back to those recently returned.

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